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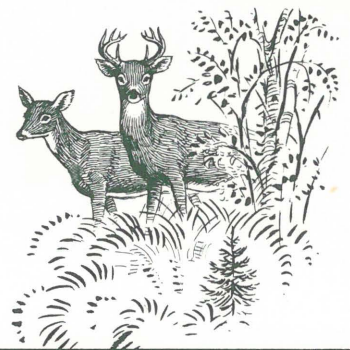
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FIELD NOTES

DECEMBER 26, 1967

FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR ALANSON NOBLE, DIV. A, CASCO, DEC. 16:

WARDEN DAVE SPENCER, NORWAY: THINGS QUIET AFTER HUNTING SEASON. CHECKED A FEW ICE FISHERMEN ON SMALL PONDS THIS WEEKEND. PEOPLE ARE ACTIVE WITH THEIR SNOW TRAVELERS, EVEN THOUGH THE SNOW COVER IS LIGHT.

WARDEN TOM BRYANT, BIDDEFORD: NOT TOO MUCH ACTIVITY NOW. RABBIT HUNTERS ARE OUT IN FULL FORCE AND THE SECOND PART OF THE DUCK SEASON LOOKS BETTER - TIME WILL TELL.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR ARTHUR ROGERS, DIV. B, WATERVILLE, DEC. 18:

WARDEN DEAN JORDAN, WISCASSET: THE INLAND LAKES AND PONDS IN THIS DISTRICT ARE ALL ICE COVERED AND THE COVES AND TIDAL FLATS AT MERRYMEETING BAY ARE ICE COVERED. THE KENNEBEC RIVER AND OTHER MAIN CHANNELS ARE OPEN BUT HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF DRIFT ICE. EXTRA CAUTION SHOULD BE USED BY DUCK HUNTERS USING SMALL WOOD BOATS THERE. TRAVEL AFTER DARK SHOULD BE AVOIDED. THE IMMEDIATE COAST IS FREE OF ICE AND THERE ARE PLENTY OF BLACK DUCKS, EIDERS, OLD SQUAW, GOLDEN EYES, AND BUFFLEHEADS. THE COAST IN THIS AREA IS STILL BARE GROUND.

WARDEN GEORGE NASH, JEFFERSON: STILL QUITE A FEW DEER LEFT IN SPITE OF THE LARGE KILL. HAVE TAGGED MORE FISHER THIS YEAR THAN EVER BEFORE.

WARDEN WINFIELD GORDON, WARREN: SO FAR WE HAVE MISSED THE SNOW STORMS THAT OTHER PARTS OF THE STATE HAD, BUT WE HAVE HAD OUR SHARE OF RAIN. LAKES, PONDS, RIVERS, AND BROOKS ARE HIGH FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR. A FEW BEAVER COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN COMING IN DUE TO THE HIGH WATER IN THE FLOWAGES. DOG-DEER COMPLAINTS HAVE STARTED TO COME IN. ICE FISHERMEN WOULD HAVE BEEN FISHING MORE IF WE HADN'T HAD SO MUCH RAIN.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR JOHN SHAW, DIV. E, WILTON, DEC. 19:

WARDEN ALDEN KENNETT, BETHEL: DEER STILL ACTIVE AND MOVING AROUND IN THIS AREA. TRACKS ARE ABUNDANT, AND THE FEW ORCHARDS THAT HAVE ANY APPLES LEFT ARE BEING VISITED REGULARLY. OUTDOOR ACTIVITY THIS WEEK SEEMS TO BE PAUSING TO CATCH ITS BREATH AFTER THE HUNTING SEASON. EVEN THE SNOW TRAVELERS AREN'T TOO BUSY YET.

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WARDEN EBEN PERRY, RANGELEY: SNOW DEPTH IN THIS DISTRICT VARIES FROM 10 TO 16 INCHES. THERE IS SOME INTEREST IN RABBIT HUNTING, BUT SO FAR THE SNOW HAS BEEN DRY AND HUNTER SUCCESS HAS NOT BEEN TOO GOOD.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR DAVID PRIEST, DIV. G, LINCOLN CENTER, DEC. 17:

WE HAD A RASH OF NIGHT HUNTING THIS WEEK AS SOME OF THE PUNKS WHO WERE UNABLE TO GET A DEER LEGALLY DECIDED TO GET THEM THE ONLY WAY THEY WERE CAPABLE OF DOING.

A FEW PICKEREL FISHERMEN ARE BEGINNING TO VENTURE OUT ON THE THIN ICE AND ARE GETTING FISH.

THE CRUSTY SNOW CONDITIONS HAVE PUT A STOP TO RABBIT AND BOBCAT HUNTING.

THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE A LOT OF INTEREST IN BEAVER TRAPPING, BUT THERE PROBABLY WILL BE BEFORE JAN. 1.

AN AWFUL LOT OF SNOW SLEDDERS ARE AROUND NOW, MOSTLY ON WEEK-ENDS.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR WALLACE BARRON, DIV. J, BINGHAM, DEC. 20:

WARDEN DON WALKER, BINGHAM: ICE CONDITIONS STILL DANGEROUS; OPEN WATER ON WYMAN LAKE. SOME OF THE COVES HAVE THREE TO SIX INCHES OF ICE, AND FISHING SHACKS ARE GOING UP. RUNNING CONDITIONS FOR DOGS VERY POOR DUE TO A HEAVY CRUST.

WARDEN NORMAN HARRIMAN, ROCKWOOD: LOTS OF DEER ACTIVITY AROUND WOOD CUTTING OPERATIONS. AFTER THE RECENT FREEZING RAINS DRIVING ON BACK ROADS IS QUITE AN EXPERIENCE, ESPECIALLY ON THOSE ROADS WHERE YOU EXPECT TO MEET A TRUCK LOADED WITH PULP OR LOGS. ICE SKATES WOULD BE A GOOD PIECE OF EQUIPMENT FOR TRAVEL THERE.

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FROM FISHERY BIOLOGIST KEN WARNER, ASHLAND:

FISHING IN SQUARE LAKE IN ARCOSTOOK COUNTY IN 1967 WAS THE BEST IN SEVERAL YEARS. FAST FISHING FOR GOOD-SIZED SALMON AND TROUT WAS THE RULE RATHER THAN THE EXCEPTION. SALMON UP TO 5 POUNDS WERE NOT UNCOMMON, AND SOME 8 POUND FISH WERE BOATED. SEVERAL 4 TO 6 POUND TROUT WERE ALSO REPORTED. THE GOOD QUALITY OF THE FISHING WAS INDICATED BY THE RECORDS OF 6 FISHERMEN WHO COOPERATED BY KEEPING VOLUNTARY RECORD BOOKLETS FOR THE FISHERY DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME. THESE 6 COOPERATORS AND THEIR FISHING PARTNERS BOATED A TOTAL OF 373 LEGAL-SIZED SALMON AND 110 KEEPER TROUT. GAME FISH WERE CAUGHT AT A RATE OF ONE POUND FOR EVERY 3 HOURS OF FISHING.

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